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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PEACEKEEPING TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO 3RD COUNTRIES

REF: A. SECSTATE 110957

[1](#)B. ROME 01579

[1](#)1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, EMBASSY QUERIED CARABINIERI, ARMY, AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS ON ITALIAN CAPABILITIES TO TRAIN THIRD COUNTRY PEACEKEEPERS. THE CARABINIERI, WE WERE INFORMED, HOLD A TWO WEEK DOCTRINAL TRAINING COURSE FOR GENDARME-LIKE OFFICERS BIANNUALLY AT THEIR OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL IN ROME. AT THE LAST SESSION IN MARCH, NINE NON-ITALIANS (OUT OF TWENTY-ONE TOTAL) PARTICIPATED. FRANCE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND CROATIA HAVE SENT OFFICERS TO THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. INSTRUCTION IS IN ENGLISH.

[1](#)2. THE CARABINIERI ALSO RUN EIGHT-TO-NINE TIMES ANNUALLY A ONE MONTH ROLLING OPERATIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR OFFICERS AND NCOS AT THEIR CHINOTTO FACILITY IN VICENZA. AUSTRIA, ESTONIA, SLOVENIA, AND ROMANIA HAVE EACH SENT PARTICIPANTS. COURSE CAPACITY IS ABOUT ONE-HUNDRED, AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF WHICH CAN BE FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. DEPENDING ON INTERNAL DEMAND AT ANY GIVEN TIME, THE NUMBER OF NON-ITALIANS THE COURSE CAN ACCOMMODATE COULD POTENTIALLY BE AS HIGH AS FIFTY. INSTRUCTION IS IN ENGLISH. THE CARABINIERI HAVE A LIMITED CAPACITY TO CONDUCT A PORTION OF THE TRAINING IN THE SENDING STATE, I.E. AUSTRIA, ESTONIA, ETC.

[1](#)3. THE ITALIAN ARMY WILL INITIATE ITS FIRST PEACEKEEPING TRAINING COURSE FOR THIRD COUNTRIES IN NOVEMBER. THE COURSE, WHICH IS STILL BEING PREPARED, WILL BE GEARED TOWARD LIEUTENANTS AND CAPTAINS AND FOCUS ON DOCTRINAL ASPECTS OF PEACEKEEPING. IT WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH AT THE ARMY'S TRAINING CENTER FOR CRISIS RESPONSE OPERATIONS (CRO) IN CESENA, A SUBURB OF ROME. IF THE COURSE IS SUCCESSFUL, THE ARMY PLANS TO RUN A TWO-WEEK COURSE FOR NON-ITALIAN STAFF OFFICERS NEXT YEAR. CRO INSTRUCTORS ARE INTERESTED IN TRANSLATING AN APPROPRIATE U.S. ARMY PEACEKEEPING TRAINING MANUAL FOR USE IN THE COURSE. DAO ROME WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS REQUEST THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS.

[1](#)4. THE ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE DO NOT CONDUCT TRAINING COURSES FOR THIRD COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL CIV-POL WORK.

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